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Dear Mr. Martin -

- Please consider this letter sent to you, too

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Senator Patty Murray
U.S. Senate
173 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45

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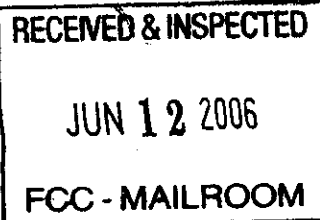
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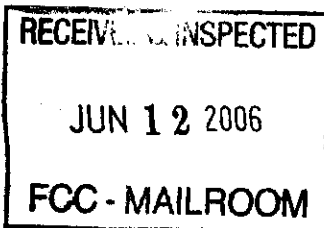
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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Martin:

I oppose your plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund (USF). The proposed change from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee" would result in phone bill hikes for me, a low-volume, long distance user (emergency only).

The change in the USF collection methodology is unfair, as it will shift the funding burden of the USF away from high-volume users (big businesses) and place the weight on low-volume users (students, pre-paid wireless users, senior citizens, and low income rural and residential consumers).

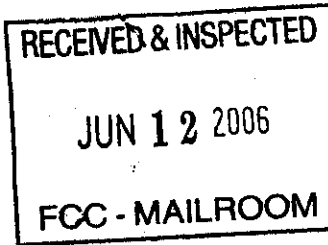
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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Dakin".

Diane Dakin

cc: Representative Eric Cantor, U.S. House of Representatives
Senator George Allen, U.S. Senate
Senator John Warner, U.S. Senate



Theresa McGahan

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June 02, 2006 07:01 PM

Senator Chuck Hagel
U.S. Senate
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-0001

Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Boar

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Dear Senator Hagel:

I am a low income tax payer whose income is limited by my need to serve as a caregiver for two family members. A wireless phone is important to me so I can stay in contact when away from home. I have difficulty paying just my ordinary bills. Extra taxes to help OTHER needy persons are just about too much!

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